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of ignoring unpleasant facts, but he concludes that "mankind is not in 'a black plague of degeneration,' and that the world has as little need to be scared by stories of the *Völkerdämmerung* as by the prophecy of Herr Falb about the imminent destruction of our planet."

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EVIL AND EVOLUTION: An Attempt to turn the Light of Modern Science on to the Ancient Mystery of Evil. By the author of "The Social Horizon." 8vo. London: Macmillan & Co.; New York: The Macmillan Company, 1896. Pp. ix., 184.

With a literary ability worthy of a more reasonable thesis, the unknown author—a modern Manichean—attempts a rehabilitation of the Devil. "The Supreme Ruler, in His beneficent activity in the universe, is confronted by another power; . . . He is engaged in a conflict which to a certain extent limits His power, and the final issue of which *can* be wrought out only in the course of ages. In plain terms, there is a God and there is a Devil, and the two powers are in conflict."

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NEW BOOKS.

APPEARANCE AND REALITY: A Metaphysical Essay. By F. H. Bradley, LL.D. Second Edition, revised, with an Appendix. London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co.; New York: The Macmillan Company, 1897. [The new edition of this very remarkable book contains a long Appendix, in which the general point of view is summarized, and replies are made to most of the important criticisms, that have appeared. Much new light is thus thrown upon the author's fundamental positions.]

A HISTORY OF EUROPEAN THOUGHT IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. By John Theodore Merz. Vol. I. *Introduction—Scientific Thought*, Part I. Edinburgh and London: William Blackwood & Sons, 1896. [An exceedingly interesting book. The first volume contains an Introduction, dealing with the general nature of intellectual progress, and five chapters on "The Scientific Spirit in France," "The Scientific Spirit in Germany," "The Scientific Spirit in England," "The Astronomical View of Nature," and "The Atomic View of Nature." Succeeding parts of the work will no doubt deal more directly with topics that concern the readers of this JOURNAL; but, as a survey of recent scientific development, the present volume can be cordially recommended.]

BRITISH MORALISTS: Being Selections from Writers, principally of the Eighteenth Century. Edited, with an Introduction and Analytical Index, by L. A. Selby-Bigge, M.A., formerly Fellow and Lecturer of University College, Oxford. In two volumes. Oxford: At the Clarendon Press, 1897.